



Quilting Like It's 1816 – Celebrating the Centennial

“The Quilt is DONE” echoed down the halls of the Memorial Visitor Center this afternoon. Doris Pfaff and a team of wonderful volunteers have been working on this “Quilting Like It's 1816” project since February, affectionately called the NPS Centennial/Indiana's Bicentennial quilt. Park Staff and several volunteers put in over 800 hours of their time and effort into this beautiful achievement. Yet they would say that the callus' on their fingertips from uncounted needle pricks was well worth it.

Dozens of women and men volunteered to put in thousands of stitches to create this work of art. In a day when most quilts have machine stitches, our volunteers and park staff put each loving stitch in by hand just like pioneer women did. With this quilt we are honoring the creative process of pioneer women in 1816.

Park visitors have enjoyed watching, listening to, and sharing with our quilters. So many stories and memories were made and shared. Other than making a quilt, friendships were also pieced together from the simple act of sitting around a quilting frame. The experience was much like what pioneer women would have enjoyed.

Very special thanks to volunteer Doris Pfaff. This project was only possible through her talent and dedication.

For all the visitors and volunteers who have been following the progress of this quilt, you will now be able to see it on display. Anyone who pieced or quilted are invited to the park on January 8, 2016 at 2:00 pm for a group picture prior to the official hanging of the quilt in the Memorial Visitor Center. It will be available for local Spencer County business' to display in 2016! For more information, contact Ranger Paula Alexander at paula_alexander@nps.gov or call the park at 812-937-4541.

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